

VLR-11/15/77 NRHP-3/28/80

Form No 10-500 (Rev. 10-74)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

FOR NPS USE ONLY
RECEIVED
DATE ENTERED

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Hopewell Friends Meeting House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 300 feet S of State Route 672; .1 mile SW of intersection of
state routes 672 and 665; .8 mile W of interchange 83 of
Interstate Route 81.

CITY, TOWN Clear Brook VICINITY OF Seventh (J. Kenneth Robinson)
STATE Virginia COUNTY Frederick CODE 069

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Hopewell Meeting of Friends c/o Marjorie S. Lewis, Clerk

STREET & NUMBER 719 Armstrong Place

CITY, TOWN Winchester VICINITY OF STATE Virginia 22601

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Frederick County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Winchester STATE Virginia

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (2) (See continuation sheet #1)

TITLE (1) Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE 1972 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Library of Congress

CITY, TOWN Washington, D.C. STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hopewell Friends Meeting House is a two-story structure, 44 by 63 feet, built of coursed rubble limestone. The original portion of the building, which was completed in 1761, is the eastern half, a rectangle in plan measuring 33 feet along its south and north sides and 44 feet on its east and west sides. Inspection of the stone work at the approximate center of the present south side shows clear evidence of the addition in the vertical aligned joints of the former quoins. The entrance (south) front of the original section has a symmetrical facade consisting of a center door flanked by windows; above each window is a second story window. All of the first-floor openings are topped by stone vousoirs. The facade arrangement was repeated in the addition of 1794 so that the western half is a mirror image of the eastern half. At present the structure is unified by a gable roof with framed gables. The original roof configuration is unknown. The roof framing is a twentieth-century type and probably dates from the renovation of 1910 during which time the east wall was dismantled and rebuilt. Three tall stone chimneys project from the south wall, one in each corner and one in the center.

The opening arrangement is irregular on the other three sides. Each side has an entrance with doors, like those on the south wall, that feature diagonal sheathing which forms a chevron pattern. All of the windows have double-hung, 12/12 sash which probably date from the late 18th century or the early 19th century. Wrapping around the northwest corner is a one-story shed porch.

The interior of the meeting house consists of a large open space with a tiered gallery on the south and west walls. The balcony retains early benches with scrolled ends. Enclosed stairs, side by side, ascend from the center of the south wall. Large posts, some squared, some turned, support the gallery at various points. The main floor has early benches with open backs and some later, standard church-type benches. A platform with additional benches is against the north wall facing the congregation area. As might be expected the effect of the interior is exceedingly plain; the walls and ceiling are plastered and the openings are devoid of ornamental trim.

The meeting house is located just south of State Route 672, a little over a half-mile west of Interstate 81, in the extreme northern section of the county about three miles from the West Virginia border. Set amid scenic farmlands its immediate grounds are shaded by large old trees. Adjacent is a picturesque burying ground surrounded by a limestone wall.

CL

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION The 2½ acres comprising the nominated property are bounded on the north and east by State Route 665. The boundaries are drawn to include the meeting house, located in the southwest corner of the lot, and the cemetery situated between this building and the road.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1761, 1794 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Thomas McClun (original portion)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hopewell Friends Meeting House survives as one of the oldest church buildings in the region and is a monument to the state's Quaker heritage. The original portion of the building was completed in 1761 and has been in continuous use since that time. Architecturally, the building is a notably early example of the austere stone architecture introduced into the Valley of Virginia by Pennsylvania migrants.

Quakers began to lose their predominance in eastern Pennsylvania by the second quarter of the 18th century and large numbers of them started moving away from the colony. They were attracted to the unsettled lands west of the Blue Ridge and south, and migrated up the Valley of Virginia in the hope of establishing communities that would be largely Quaker. The Hopewell Society was established in 1734 as the result of obtaining a grant of 100,000 acres in 1732 from the Virginia Council in what is now northern Frederick county. It was required that one family settle on each thousand acres. Led by Alexander Ross, the congregation was originally called Opekan after a nearby creek (now Opequon). In 1744 it became the Hopewell Monthly Meeting under the Chester Quarterly and the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

The original meeting house was replaced by the earliest part of the present structure which was begun in 1759. The builder was Thomas McClun, who was paid 68 pounds for his work. Between 1788 and 1794 the building was doubled in size by an addition to its western end. During the years 1827 and 1828 a schism developed in the Society which affected most of the meetings in Pennsylvania and Virginia, including Hopewell. To accommodate the two factions a partition was erected through the interior so that each could have its respective meeting area. The factions reunited in 1910 and the partition was removed. That same year the building underwent a significant renovation during which the apparently weakened east wall was dismantled and rebuilt using the original stones.

The meeting's records prior to 1759 were destroyed by fire, however, all since that date survive. The meeting's bicentennial was celebrated by the publication in 1936 of the Hopewell Friends History: 1734-1934.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Historic American Buildings Survey. Data sheet and eight sheets of measured drawings. (VA - 693)
- Joint Committee of Hopewell Friends. Hopewell Friends History: 1734-1934, Frederick County, Virginia. Strasburg, Va., 1936.
- Rose, Harold Wickliffe. The Colonial Houses of Worship in America. New York: Hastings House, Publishers, Inc., 1963.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Approximately 2 1/2 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 7	7, 4, 8, 9, 2, 0	4, 3, 4, 8, 9, 9, 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION The acreage comprising the Hopewell Friends Meeting House property is bounded by a line beginning at a point at the S end of triangular intersection of state routes 665 and 672, .7 mile W of W side of Interstate Route 81; then extending approximately 300 feet S following W side of State Route 665; then running approximately 300 feet W along cemetery boundary; thence extending approximately 300 feet N to intersection with State Route 672; then running approximately 300 feet E along S side of State Route 672 to point of origin.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE

October 1977

STREET & NUMBER

221 Governor Street

TELEPHONE

(804) 786-3144

CITY OR TOWN

Richmond

STATE

Virginia 23219

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Tucker Hill, Executive Director
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE NOV 15 1977

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

RECEIVED

DATE ENTERED

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

Hopewell Friends Meeting House, Frederick County, Virginia

CONTINUATION SHEET

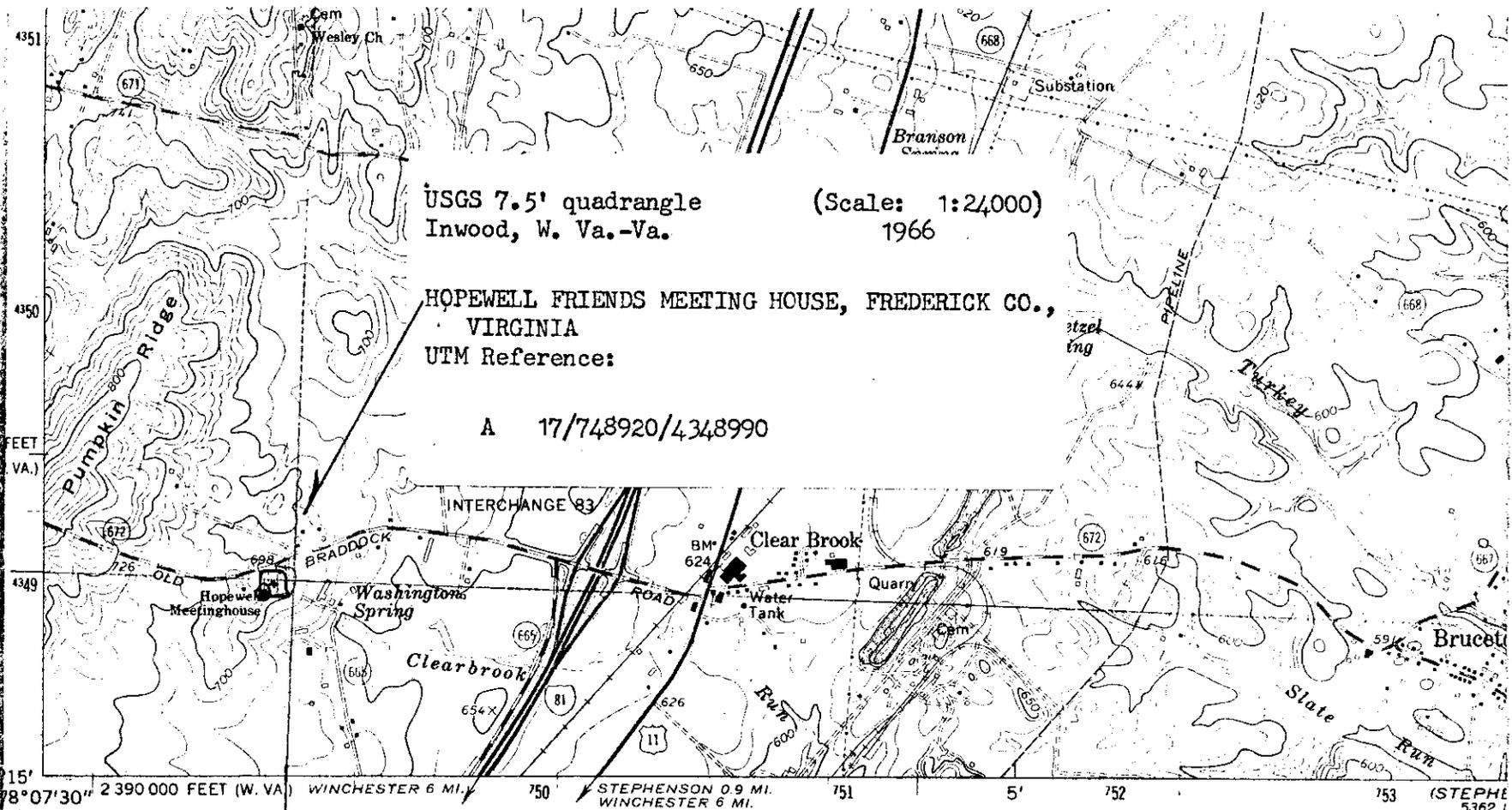
#1

ITEM NUMBER 6

PAGE 1

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

- (2) Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey
1968, 1972 State
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
Richmond, Virginia



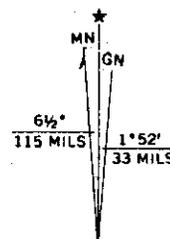
Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
in cooperation with Commonwealth of Virginia Division of
Mineral Resources

Control by USGS and USC&GS

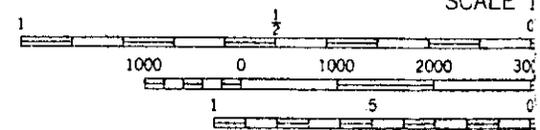
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1963. Field checked 1966

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grids based on West Virginia coordinate system,
north zone, and Virginia coordinate system, north zone
1000-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 17, shown in blue

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



UTM GRID AND 1966 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



CONTOUR INTERVAL
NATIONAL GEODETIC DATUM

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
AND VIRGINIA DIVISION OF MINERAL RESOURCES
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS